

**Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Government and Community Relations Committee
May 5, 2003**

The Government and Community Relations Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Alcohol and Drug Services Administrative office on Jermantown Road, Suite 201, Fairfax.

Committee members present: Jessica Burmester, Charles Fletcher, Anngie Johnson, Ben Pepper

CSB Staff present: James Thur, Ruth Gerbec

1. **Meeting Called to Order**

Anngie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

2. **Approval of March Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

3. **Action Item Status**

The committee reviewed the Action Tracking System chart. Several items are now in the closed status.

ACTION: Ruth will update the Action Tracking System chart.

4. **Community Relations**

Anngie reported on the Stephen Ministry meeting. She said it was well attended and the panel of speakers distributed excellent information and resources. She said the CSB brochure was very helpful for the ministry group.

Ruth gave an update of the CSB video project. Some additional thoughts were discussed for the Mental Retardation part of the video.

Ruth distributed a color draft of the Speakers Bureau directory. Some additional information was discussed.

ACTION: Ruth will add some information and make some changes to the draft brochure and email the updated draft to the Committee members.

Ben and Jim reported on the status of the Northern Virginia Roundtable invitation. Jim has had contact with Jim Dyke of the Northern Virginia Roundtable and is waiting to hear from him for a meeting date for the CSB.

5. **Government Relations**

The committee would like to discuss theme ideas for the next Annual Report at a future meeting.

6. **General Discussion**

Ruth reported on Celebrate Fairfax! (Fair). The CSB will have two booths at the Fair this year, one in the County Expo area inside the Government Center and one in Children's Avenue outside. On Sunday the CSB will also have the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation BMW Mini Cooper at the Fair. Ruth will be sending out an email to staff and Board members requesting volunteers to work at the booths.

ACTION: Ruth will send out an email for volunteers for the CSB booths at the Celebrate Fairfax! (Fair).

Ruth brought up the request from the Connection Newspapers. The editorial board of the Connection papers would like to meet and talk with staff/Board members about the impact of the budget cuts. The paper is interested in doing a series of articles on human services cuts. The Board and staff need to identify which cuts to focus on.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.